

In response to that Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 to read as follows (a version of those claims, marked to show the changes, is appended):

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1. (Amended) An image storage method comprising:

an image storage step of continuously storing a plurality of image data in a first area of a single file; and

a reference information storage step of storing reference information for accessing a source outside the file, which pertains to each of the plurality of image data stored in the image storage step, in a storage order of the plurality of image data in a second area of the file,

wherein the reference information includes information for accessing image data which is a higher resolution version of the corresponding image data stored in the first area.

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7. (Amended) An image storage apparatus comprising:

image storage means for continuously storing a plurality of image data in a first area of a single file; and

reference information storage means for storing reference information for accessing a source file outside the file, which pertains to each of the

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plurality of image data stored by said image storage means, in a storage order of the plurality of image data in a second area of the file,

wherein the reference information includes information for accessing image data which is a higher resolution version of the corresponding image data stored in the first area.

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13. (Amended) A storage medium for storing an image data file, the image data file comprising:

a first area which continuously stores a plurality of image data; and

a second area which stores reference information for accessing a source outside the file, which pertains to each of the plurality of image data stored in the first area, in a storage order of the plurality of image data,

wherein the reference information includes information for accessing image data which is a higher resolution version of the corresponding image data stored in the first area.

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19. (Amended) A storage medium for storing a control program for making a computer implement generation and storage of an image data file, said control program comprising:

a code of the image storage step of continuously storing a plurality of image data in a first area of a single file; and

a code of the reference information storage step of storing reference information for accessing a source outside the file, which pertains to each of the plurality